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- In September 1953, the propulsion plants for 10 of the 12 Delphin-type sea police vessels under construction at the Yachtwerft (yacht building yard) in Berlin-Koepenick were completed, except for the regulators which were to be supplied from Rostock. The first boats immediately developed engine and gear trouble as they made shakedown runs on Mueggel Lake, and one Diesel engine was sent to the Diesel-engine factory in Rostock to be repaired in day-and-night shifts.
- The Delphin-type vessels were equipped with two Juno-205 C engines and a 10-hp auxiliary engine. With the engines developing 510 hp each at a rate of 2,100 rpm, they attained a speed of 32 knots on the measured mile and, with full useful load, could do 28 knots in deep water. Each boat had two 1,200-liter fuel tanks welded to the hull, four bearing compasses, and a crew of 15, including 8 men for deck personnel, 4 men for engine room personnel, 1 radio operator, 1 captain and 1 polit-officer.

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[Redacted] after successful dock trials in Koepenick, the Sea Police would accept the boats at the yard and that sea trials and residual work would be done in Wolgast. On 19 October 1953, Delphin boats 1, 2 and 5 were accepted by Kapitain zur See Nachstamm, Kapitain Buetzow, Kapitainleutnant Schnelder, Kapitainleutnant Thomas and Oberleutnant Voigt. The transfer to Wolgast of the vessels accepted in Koepenick was scheduled to begin on 24 October under the command of Kapitainleutnant Thomas and to be completed not later than 20 December. The Sea Police planned to put the vessels into service in early March 1954.

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